

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DIVISION

A New KME Ladder Truck was put into service at Fire Station # 5 located at 28 S. 9th St. on June 9th 2006 after well over a year of planning and meetings with the Board of Public Works and Safety. The Ladder truck was, for the most part custom built to the specifications set forth by the Truck Committee. The Truck Committee was put together in order to get balanced input from all involved parties and get the best piece of firefighting equipment for the money.

A Support Unit was put into service to replace a pickup truck that could only be used primarily for the transport of air bottles. This Support Unit is outfitted with a complete system that allows for personnel to fill their empty air bottles on a fire scene instead of having to run back and forth to shuttle full bottles from the station. It also carries a larger generator and more specialized and heavier rescue equipment than is possible with the limited space on front line fire trucks.

Any maintenance issues that come up day to day are addressed by priority as soon as they are reported but the Preventative Maintenance Schedule we now use is setup as follows:

- Apparatus is serviced twice a year.
- Ambulances are serviced at approximately 3500 miles.
- Support vehicles are serviced at approximately 3500 miles.
- Administrative vehicles are serviced at approximately 3000 miles.

A new system for the identification of apparatus is now in place that allows us to more clearly identify any reserve unit as the unit it is in place of. This is done with the simple use of placards that can be changed from one unit to another.

Hard suction hose has been mounted on apparatus stationed in areas where there is a lack of fire hydrant support, enabling them to pull water from alternate resources whenever it becomes necessary.

Several vehicles have been rotated out of service because of their age and condition and sold at Public Auction on an annual basis. Any money generated from the sale of these vehicles goes right back into the reconditioning of the vehicles we still have in service.

The following vehicles have been painted and re-conditioned for continued use:

- IPI van (formerly an ambulance). 1994 with over 98,555 miles.
- Maintenance vehicle (Chevy truck). 1996 with over 118,153 miles.
- Training Director's vehicle (Crown Victoria). 1998 with over 138,261 miles.
- EMS Director's vehicle (Crown Victoria). 1999 with over 89,046 miles.
- IPI Director's vehicle (Expedition). 1998 with over 109,164 miles.
- Reserve Ladder Truck (Pierce). 1994 with over 40,569 miles.

The following new vehicles have been secured since early in 2004 through the application of Grant monies:

- 2 Ford Box trucks.
- 1 Dodge Diesel pickup.
- 1 WMD trailer.
- 1 Decon trailer.



The person pictured is: Maintenance Director David Roberts.